

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 20-22

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. 21-22

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 701 UNION STREET, APPROXIMATELY 10.716 ACRES MORE OR LESS, OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 0531813010 AND 0531813000, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS THE FORMER GENERAL SHERMAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE LANCASTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, with the recent construction of new school buildings, the Lancaster City School District ("LCS") no longer needs the former General Sherman Jr. High School property, Tax Parcel Numbers 0531813010 and 0531813000, on the near west side of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Parks & Recreation Department ("Parks") would like to purchase that property to replace and enhance facilities and activities that are being abandoned at nearby Miller Park due to the construction of a new water treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, Parks also intends to consolidate its administrative and maintenance operations at the same location as well; and

WHEREAS, the LCS's Board of Education recognizes that Parks' is unable to pay full fair market value for the property and is willing to sell the property to Parks for a reasonable amount in order to keep the building operational and maintain Parks' programming and other educational services in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in a similar spirit of appreciation and collaboration, Parks agrees to work with LCS and the Fairfield County Educational Service Center to provide classroom space in the former General Sherman Jr. High School for the scholastic services and initiatives they provide for the benefit of local children;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO,

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to purchase approximately 10.716 acres more or less of real property identified as Tax Parcel Numbers 0531813010 and 0531813000 from LCS's Board of Education for an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00).

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign whatever documents are necessary to effectuate the transfer of Tax Parcel Numbers 0531813010 and 0531813000 from LCS's Board of Education to the City of Lancaster.

SECTION 3. As a condition of this purchase, the City of Lancaster is hereby authorized to pay any additional costs associated with the purchase of this property. This may include, but shall not be limited to, costs of deed preparation, surveying, environmental testing, closing costs, and any other fees as required by agreement of the parties.

SECTION 4. The annual payment schedule of Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000.00) to be paid over a five-year period, not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00) will commence in 2022 and end with the final payment in 2026.

SECTION 5. That in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the community and more specifically in furtherance of not interrupting the educational services and initiatives provided for the benefit of local children by the LCS and Fairfield County Educational Service Center, City Council does hereby declare an emergency so that this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage by City Counsel and approval by the Mayor

Passed: 6/27/22 after 1st reading. Vote: Yeas 8 Nays 0

Approved: 6/27/22

Clerk: Teresa Lee Sandy

David A. Zell
President of Council

David L. Scheff
Mayor

Offered by: [Signature]

Second by: [Signature]

Requested by Service Committee

I, Teresa L. Sandy, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2022 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council